

# The Elves and the Shoemaker

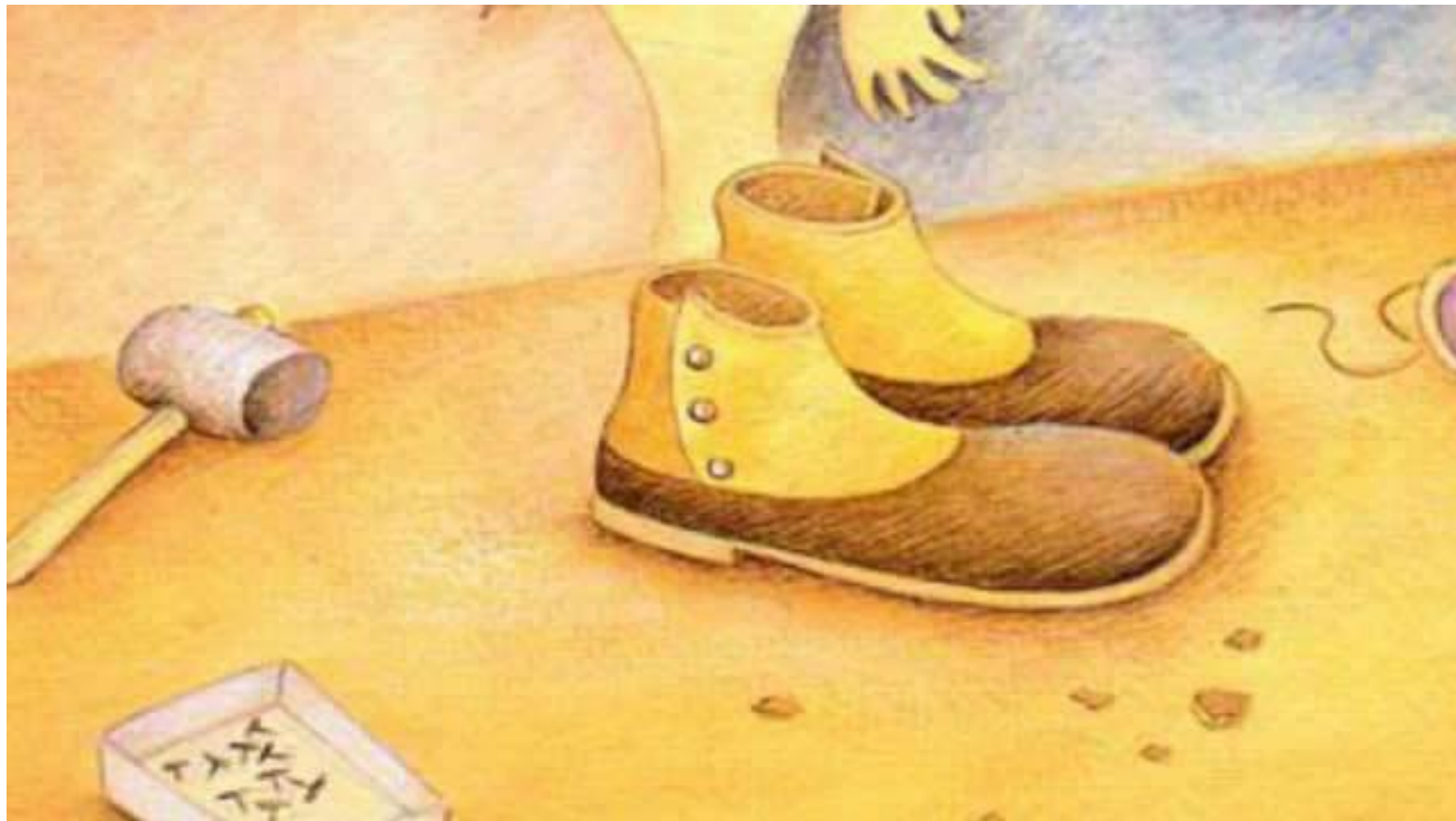




Once upon a time, there was a poor shoemaker and his wife



With his last piece of leather the shoemaker cut out the pieces to make a pair of shoes, left it on the table, and went to bed.



The next morning, on the table, were a new pair of shoes.





The shoemaker and his wife were puzzled. Who could have made the shoes?



That morning a man came in and bought the shoes. He liked them so much he paid the shoemaker more than the shoemaker asked for.



The shoemaker bought leather for two more pairs of shoes, cut out the pieces





and the next morning two beautiful pairs of shoes were on the table





The shoemaker and his wife were more puzzled. Who could have made the shoes?



Later that day the shoes were sold for double the price on the tags.



The shoemaker bought more leather, cut out more shoes





and the next morning had a store full of shoes. Who could have made the shoes?





Everyone in town came to buy shoes. The shoemaker became rich.



The shoemaker and his wife made a plan to find out who was making the shoes.



That night the shoemaker and his wife hid behind some curtains to see who came to make the shoes.

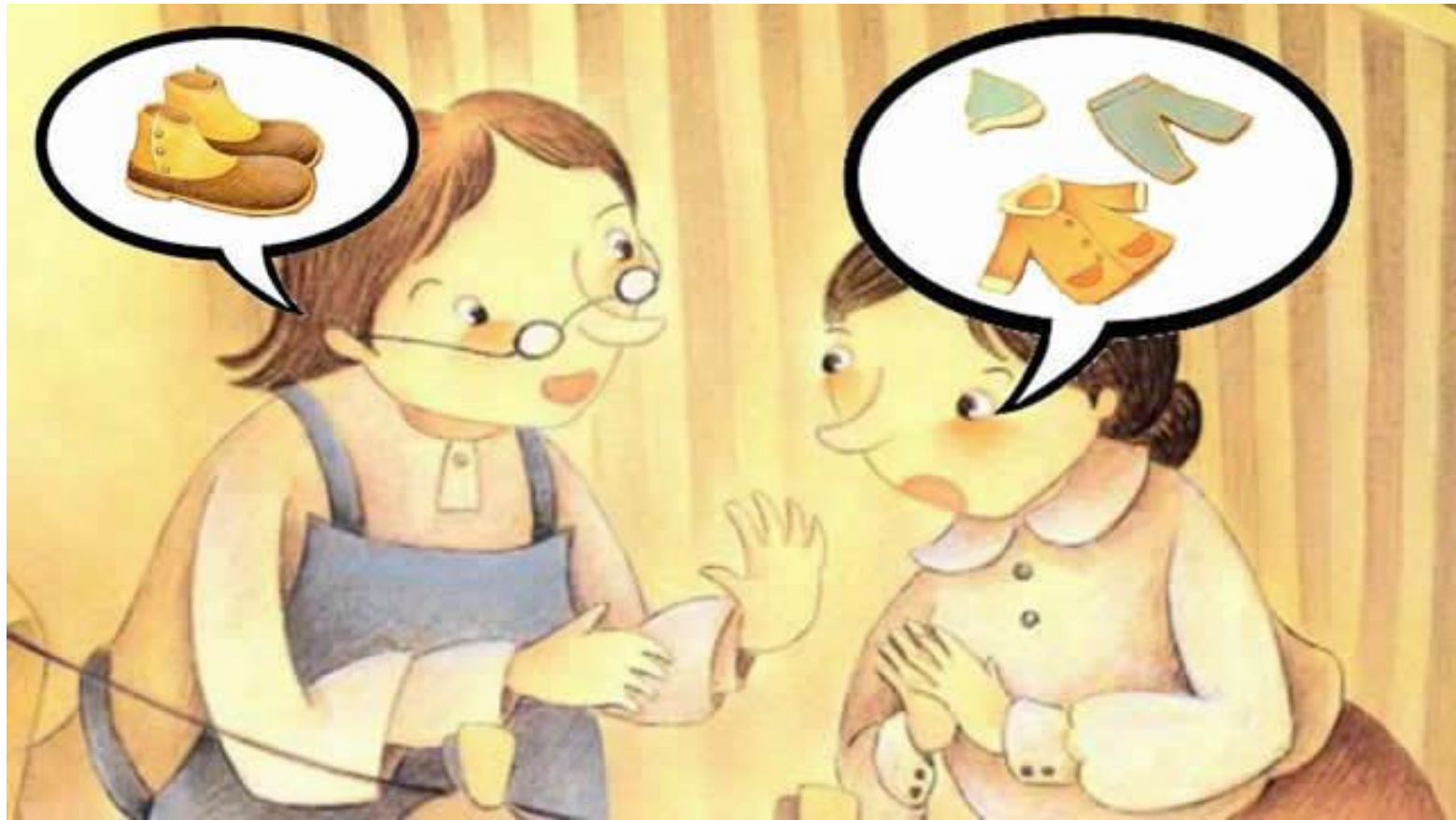


Soon, two little elves came in and started making shoes.





The shoemaker and his wife saw the elves. They were so surprised.



The shoemaker and his wife wanted to thank the elves. They decided to make them clothes to stay warm and shoes because as the elves had none.



And the next day they did.



That night, the elves found the clothes and shoes. They were so happy!!!





The elves put on their new clothes and danced happily.



The shoemaker and his wife smiled. They were happy to repay the elves for their kindness.



After that, the shoemaker and his wife sold many shoes and lived happily ever after.